

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on February 24, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson
Ernie Orgera
Gary Peterson
Doug Hoyt
Sgt. Wayne Scutari

Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Orazio Cirelli
Dan Colleluori
Captain Brian McElligott

Guests:

Lynn Collatrella – D.S.S.D
Stephanie Block – Boy's & Girls Club .
Stefania Canneto- St. Benedict
Sharon MacKnight- St. Benedict
Casie Richardson- Global Lyme Alliance
Orna Grand- Global Lyme Alliance
Mike Bernardo- Parcel 38
Kyle Mastaup – Parcel 38

Aleksandra Moch- Webb Avenue
Benny Romano- Webb Avenue
Pasqualino Romano- Webb Avenue
Patricia Foston- Webb Avenue
Mary Laurie- Home Court
Gus Ruggiero- Parcel 38
Jim Caulfield- Parcel 38

I. NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn Collatrella – D.S.S.D. 2016 Events

Lynn Collatrella appeared before the committee to request approval for the D.S.S.D 2016 events.

➤ Stamford Downtown Farmers Market

June 18th through October 31, 2016 – from Walton Street to Forest Street - Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Notable Changes:

- Request to utilize all metered and handicapped parking spaces along Prospect Street from Walton Place to Forest Street.
- Farmers will parallel park vehicles at the edge of the parking spaces along Prospect Street, set up tents and sell from on the side of the park.
- Prospect Street will remain opened to maintain traffic flow.

➤ Downtown Expressions – Art in Public Places Exhibits

June – August, 2016 – 40 sculptures will be placed around the streets in the downtown.
No change from past years.

➤ **Alive@Five Concert Series**

Thursday Evenings, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 6, 13, 2015- 5:00 p.m. at Columbus Park.

Notable Changes:

- Curley's Diner and Morganti Construction have agreed to allow D.S.S.D. to utilize the construction site to place porta potty's, build a bar and beer trucks within the site and to install a moveable fence per Bill Dimas.
- You must be 21 or older to enter the concert this year.

➤ **Wednesday Nite Live (formerly Jazz-up July)**

Wednesday Evenings, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. at Columbus Park.

➤ **Arts & Crafts on Bedford**

Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2016. No change on the street closures. Will not need electricity this year, show will close at 6:00 p.m.

➤ **Giant Balloon Inflation Party**

Saturday, November 20, 2016 – 12 Noon step-off, Summer & Hoyt Streets.

➤ **UBS Parade Spectacular**

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. – Summer & Hoyt Streets.

➤ **Heights and Lights**

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. – Landmark Square and Latham Park.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Dan Colleouri and passed unanimously to approve the D.S.S.D. 2016 events.

Stephanie Block - Boy's & Girl's Club of Stamford – 5K Run

Stephanie Block appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the 5K Run on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

➤ **Route:**

- Start at Washington Blvd.
- Right onto Atlantic Street
- Right onto Henry Street.
- Right onto Cedar Street.
- Right onto Ludlow Street.
- Left onto Pacific Street.
- Left onto Woodland Place.
- Right onto Elmcroft.
- Right onto E. Walnut St.

- Cross Pacific continue straight onto Walter Wheeler Drive to Atlantic Street.
- Turn left onto Atlantic Street.
- Left onto Washington Blvd. (North Bound Lane).
- Left onto Pacific Street.
- Right onto Remington Street.
- Right onto Elmcroft.
- Left into Kosciuszko Park loop around the baseball field.
- Straight out of the park onto Dyke Lane.
- Left onto Pacific Street.
- Left onto Pacific Street
- Left onto Harbor Point Road.
- Right on Pacific Street and end on the boardwalk.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Capt. Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve the 5K Run on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Stefania Canneto – St. Benedict's / St. Mary's Church- Stations of the Cross Procession

Sharon MacKnight appeared before the committee representing Stefania Canneto, Our Lady of Montserrat- Stations of the Cross Procession- Friday, March 25, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Route:
 - The Procession will start in front of Cummings Park by the Soundview Avenue entrance.
 - Continue traveling on Soundview Avenue to the intersection of Wardwell Street.
 - Turn left onto Wardwell.
 - Turn right onto Frederick Street.
 - Continue traveling on Frederick Street and cross Cove Road.
 - Continue traveling on Frederick Street and cross Shippan Avenue.
 - Procession will end at the back entrance of Saint Mary Church.

Motion was made by Susan Bretthauer, seconded by Ernie Orgera and passed unanimously to approve the Station of the Cross Procession- Friday March 25, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Nancy Tafoya – Global Lyme Alliance 5K Walk / Run

Casie Richardson appeared before the committee representing Nancy Tafoya, to request approval for the 5K Walk / Run on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Route:
 - Start in front of Soundwater Comm. Ctr.
 - Right onto Weed Avenue.
 - Left onto Mathews Street.
 - Left onto Dora Street.
 - Left onto Cove.
 - Right into parking lot (at exit location).

- Left over footbridge, right at island. (repeat counterclockwise loop around cove.
- Finish West of Pavilion at Spicer monument.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Sgt. Wayne Scutari and passed unanimously to approve the 5K Walk / Run on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Aleksandra Moch – Webb Avenue

Ms. Aleksandra Moch appeared before the committee to request the committee to consider approval to convert Webb Avenue into a one way street from Home Court down to Mathews Street.

- Ms. Moch and neighbors are concerned about the following:
 - Webb Avenue is being used as a cut thru street.
 - On Street parking is an issue since sidewalks and no parking signs were installed, it narrowed the street and eliminated on-street parking for residents.
 - The no parking zone has created an influx of parking on Home Court
 - Excessive speeding (Request for speed bumps) along Webb Avenue.
- Ernie Orgera suggested the following:
 - Robert Zaitooni will conduct traffic counts to determine vehicular speeding and measure the volume of traffic on Webb Avenue.
 - Ms. Moch will contact her District Reps, Annabelle Figueroa & Eileen Heapy to request a hearing and incorporate her neighbors in the traffic calming decisions.
 - The committee will contact her in two weeks.

The item was tabled until a Traffic Study is completed by Robert Zaitooni in which the committee will contact Ms. Moch in two weeks.

Lisa Feinberg – Parcel -38 MPT Traffic Plans Greyrock/ Tresser Blvd.

Gus Ruggiero/ Iron State Development appeared before the committee representing Lisa Feinberg, to request the committee to approve the P-38 MPT Traffic Plans at Greyrock / Tresser Blvd.

- There are (4) phases of the project.
- The Project will start in 4 to 6 months
- Total duration of the project is 28 months.
- Sidewalk closures at Tresser Blvd and Greyrock
- Right lane road closure at Tresser- 75 ft. back from intersection, so the right turn lane will not be blocked
- Material Staging- Loading material, hoisting and pick right on Tresser Blvd.
- Construction Parking- There is no room on site, will contact Josh Benson for group parking at Bell Street & Bedford Street Garages.
- Pedestrian Safety- During Construction signage will be posted for lane closures on Greyrock Place and Tresser Blvd.

- Demolition of old sidewalk & Installation of new curbs and sidewalks along Greyrock.
- Repair pavement and stripe as necessary.

Motion was made by Capt. Brian McElligott, seconded by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to approve the Parcel 38 MPT Traffic Plans.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

There is no old business to discuss at this time

IV. PENDING & MINUTES

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Captain Bretthauer and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from Jan 27, 2016.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Doug Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Crystal Mitchell
March 05, 2016